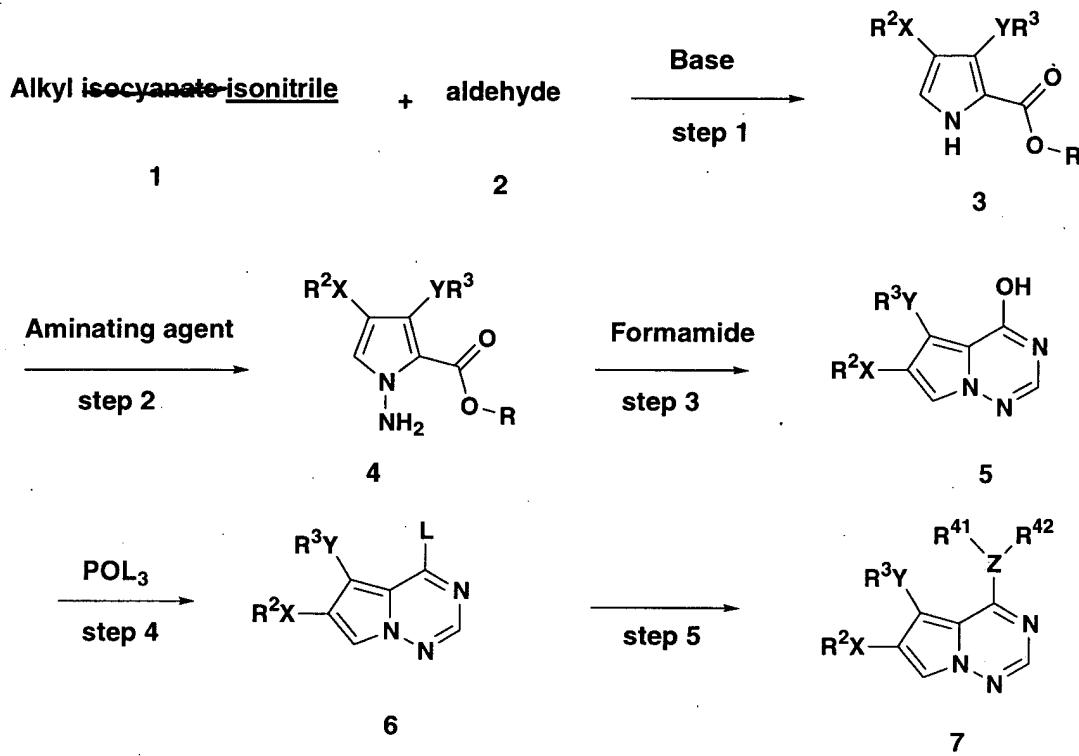


## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 20, please make the following amendments:

### **Scheme 1**



## Step 1

This step is accomplished by the reaction of two equivalents of optionally substituted aldehyde (1) such as isobutyraldehyde, with alkyl isonitrile isocyanate in the presence of a mild base like DBU to obtain compound 3.